

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

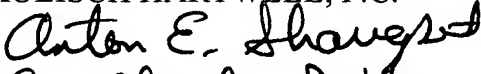

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Examples of games including playing pieces bearing pointing indicia include U.S. Patent Nos. 2,571,195, 3,155,391, 3,608,904, 3,820,791, 3,856,309, 4,226,419, 4,200,768**4,300,768**, and 4,331,333, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes. An example of a game including playing pieces bearing both directional indicia and player alignment indicia is Midway (Monarch Avalon, Inc.), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Applicants have amended the above-identified application to correct a typographical error in one of the prior-art references cited in the application. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.

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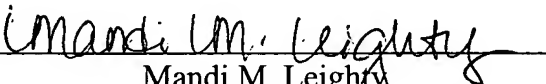
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